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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

A response to the Office Action of January 17, 2006 is being filed concurrently with this Request for Extension of Time.

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated January 17, 2006:

[X] One month up to and including March 17, 2006; the extension fee is \$60.00.

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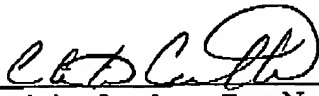
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 14, 2006

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